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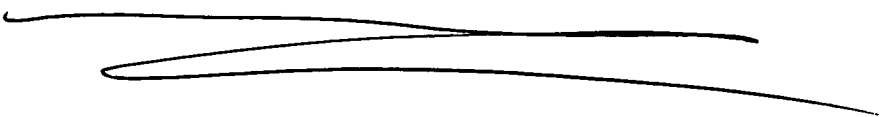
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Please consider the following proposed amendment.


1.(currently amended) A tracking system in which a package is to be sent from a user to a recipient by requesting shipping through Internet resources associated with carriers capable of delivering the package to the recipient, in which the user determines the carrier to be used for shipping a package to a particular recipient, comprising:

means for generating a tracking number, the tracking number being associated with a the package to be sent from the user to the recipient by a selected carrier;

means for generating a tracking request, the tracking request containing the tracking number associated with the package, as well as information of the particular selected carrier which is to deliver the package to the particular recipient[s];

a storage location adapted to store the tracking request[s];

a tracking coordinator adapted to receive said tracking request and adapted to generate tracking objects[.];

and adapted to send said tracking objects to a tracking website of the selected carrier;

means for receiving results from the tracking website of the selected carrier;

means for updating the shipping server data storage with the results from the tracking website of the selected carrier website; and

wherein the tracking coordinator ~~limits~~ comprises means for limiting the generation of tracking objects for each of a plurality of carriers so that the tracking objects

are the selected carrier based on pacing constraints provided by the selected carrier so as to be generated no more frequently than a predetermined carrier designated number of tracking objects per predetermined time interval that is established by the carrier carrier designated interval.

15.(currently amended) A tracking method for a shipping system in which a package is to be sent from a user to a recipient by requesting said shipping through Internet resources associated with carriers capable of delivering the package to the recipient, in which the user of the shipping system determines the carrier to be used for shipping a package to a recipient, and in which the shipping system has a shipping system server with a data storage device for storing package tracking data, comprising the steps of:

- (a) generating a tracking number associated with a the package to be sent from the user to the recipient by a selected carrier;
- (b) generating a tracking request containing the tracking number associated with the package, as well as information of the ~~particular~~ selected carrier which is to deliver the package to the particular recipient[s];
- (c) storing the tracking request[s];
- (d) generating tracking objects[,] and sending said tracking objects to ~~the~~ a tracking website of the selected carrier;
- (e) receiving results from the tracking website of the selected carrier;
- (f) updating ~~the~~ shipping server data storage with the results from the tracking website of the selected carrier website; and

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(g) limiting the generation of tracking objects for ~~each one of a plurality of carriers so that the tracking objects are~~ **the selected carrier based on pacing constraints provided by the selected carrier so as to be** generated no more frequently than a predetermined **carrier designated** number **of tracking objects** per predetermined time interval ~~established by the carrier~~ **carrier designated interval**.

Cancel claims 19 and 24